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CHR. DE GUINÉ,  
Manager.

Office in Hongkong: Bank Buildings, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 14, 1876.

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PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars.  
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JAMES GREIG,

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Office of the Corporation,

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### THE CHINESE READER'S MANUAL.

A HANDBOOK of Biographical, Historical, Mythological and General Literary Reference, by WILLIAM FREDERICK MAYRE.

Price: \$2.

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## Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.  
I have this day authorized Mr J. Y. V. SHAW to sign my name per procura-

A. MAG. HEATON.

Hongkong, January 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr EDWARD WHITTALE in our Firm ceased on the 30th April last.

We have authorized Mr HERBERT SMITH to sign our Firm.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have entered into Co-  
partnership from the First day of

JANUARY, 1876, in the Business of Ship-

brokers at this Port, under the style of

MORRIS & RAY.

A. G. MORRIS.

E. C. RAY.

Bank Buildings,

Hongkong, February 3, 1876.

NOTICE.

WE have established branches of our Firm at Haiphong and Hanoi. Mr E. CONSTANTIN is authorized to sign by procura-

tion in Tonquin.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr J. ALABOR in our Firm ceased on the 31st December last. The Business will be carried on under the style of MEYER & CO.

MEYER, ALABOR & CO.

Hongkong, April 29, 1876.

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned has been appointed SURVEYOR to LLOYD'S REGISTER at this Port.

R. H. CAIRNS.

1, Club Chambers,

Hongkong, April 20, 1876.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELE-

GRAPH COMPANY.

I BEG to notify that I have been appointed ACTING SUPERINTENDENT for the above Company's Station at this Port from this date.

CARL CHR. BOJESEN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1876.

NOTIFICATION.

IT is herewith notified that a Custom House has been established at HOI-HOW (HOI-HU), the Treaty Port of KIUNGCHOW (KIUNG-HU), and has been opened for transaction of business under this day's date.

H. O. BROWN,

Commissioner of Customs,

Kiungchow Customs;

Hoi-how, April 1, 1876.

For Sale.

JUST RECEIVED:

Ex French Mail Steamer "MEI-KUNG."

YELLOW CHARTREUSE, (pints and

quarts).

Extra fine SALAD OIL, from (Besse, Marseilles.)

Imperial PRUNES, in Glass Jars.

Sicilian NUTS.

JAMS, JELLYS & FRUITS, assorted.

Fine French SAUSAGES, in 1 lb. tins.

Assorted PASTE for SOUP.

French CANVAS, assorted, Nos. 1 to 5.

French NAVY SOAP.

Marseille SAUSAGE.

Quite Fresh.

Lyon SAUSAGE.

MESS PORK in barrels of 100 lbs, or

by retail.

CHAMPAGNE VINEYARD PRO-

PRIETORS BRANDY.

BISCUIT Dubouche BRANDY.

St. Emilion Dinner CLARET.

Haut Sauterne, WHITE WINE.

ANCHOVIES, in oil.

Superior CLARET, bottled by the Under-

signed, \$2 per doz.

TUNNY FISH, in oil.

Extra fine WHITE VINEGAR.

TAPIOCA.

Julienne SOUP, in 1 lb. Tin.

TRUFFLES.

MACARONI & VERMICELLI.

French extra fine TOBACCO.

Just Landed Ex S. "AIA."

PEPPERMINT, quarts and pints.

BENEDICTINE, quarts and pints.

French OLAY PIPES.

Raspail's extra fine LIQUOR.

French Snack HAMS.

Soissons BEANS.

VANILLA.

CLARET from Bordeaux.

Marseille.

To SELL Purchaser.

Raspail's GENUINE LIQUOR from Paris.

Fine White BREAD, in loaves and rolls, manufactured from the finest California Flour, and in the Parisian fashion.

F. VINCENOT.

French Bakery, No 2, Foss Street.

Hongkong, May 3, 1876.

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## For Sale.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Price of our

ICE will be ONE CENT per Pound.

KYLE & RAIN.

Ice Depot, Duddell Street,

Hongkong, May 4, 1876.

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NOTICE.

TUDOR COMPANY.

ON and after this Date, the Retail Price

of our NATURAL ICE will be ONE

CENT per Pound.

JOHN F. HORGAN,

Agent.

## For Sale.

SAYLE & Co. have opened their first delivery of New Goods for the coming Season, to which they invite special attention.

Ladies' and Children's Ready-made Costumes in a variety of Styles.

Morning Wrappers in Embroidered Linen, Printed, Cambria White Brillante and Muslim.

French Toilet Jackets.

Richly Embroidered Cambria Skirts.

A Large Assortment of Dress Materials in all the newest designs.

French Millinery of the latest fashions.

Boys' Holland Suits & Pinafores.

Ladies' Underclothing.

Ladies' and Children's Boots and Shoes.

Also,

A fresh supply of the "Little Wanzer" Sewing Machines.

Agents for Hongkong.

SAYLE & Co.,  
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,  
Queen's Road & Stanley Street.

## FOR SALE.

In One Lot, or in Lots to suit Purchasers.

THE BUILDINGS, MACHINERY and LAND belonging to the BIEN HOA SUGAR FACTORY (Cochin China), consisting of:—

FIVE SUGAR MILLS, with accessories complete, Sheet-iron Troughs, Copper Boilers, Vacuum Fans, Five Turbines with Independent Engines, Concreters, &c., &c., &c.

Machines for Adjusting and Fitting, Turning Lathe, Boring Machine, &c., &c., &c.

One Gas Machine.

One Steam-Crane.

Spate Materials, Iron and Copper Pipes of various dimensions, &c., &c.

One Tug Boat, 60 H.P., 70 Tons, in good order.

One Steam Launch.

Fifteen large native Cargo Boats, in good order.

The Land and Buildings of the Estate, The Estate of Lacan Binhha Province, comprising an area of about 300 Hectars, mostly cultivated.

Apply to

THE BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE, SAIGON.

April 25, 1876.

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## To-day's Advertisements.

BRITISH SHIP BELTED WILL, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo, impeding the discharge of the Vessel, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co. to sell by Public Auction, on account of the concerned, on

THURSDAY,

the 11th Instant at Noon, at his Office, Marine House, Queen's Road,—

The wrecked Sir. "KWANGTUNG," now lying on shore on the South-East end of the Island of Ockest.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7, payable on the fall of the hammer, and the wreck to be at purchaser's risk from that time.

W. KERFOOT HUGHES,

Auctioneer,

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

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## Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

BERZOVIN, German barque, Captain H. Eise, — Melchers & Co.

ALEX, German barque, Capt. Lehmer, — Melchers & Co.

LIBER, British barque, Captain John Inckey, — Broadbent, Anthony & Co.

TANAR, German brig, Capt. Kaefle, — Melchers & Co.

OMAO, British barque, Capt. Snadie, — Melchers & Co.

MASCARIA, British ship, Capt. Owens, — Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.

HORN, British barque, Captain Boulton, — Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CONY, American ship, Captain William E. Bray.

WILLIAM MASON, British barque, Capt. G. King, — Adamson, Bell & Co.

## To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI AND HANKOW.

The Russian Steamship "TOCHIATCHOFF," Master, shortly expected from Singapore, will have quick dispatch.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

## PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

TUESDAY,

the 9th May, 1876, at 2 p.m., at his Sale Rooms, Queen's Road,—

Sundry New English and Colonial-made HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., comprising English-made Drawing-room Suites, Walnut Tables, Mahogany Lou Table, Toilet Tables with Glasses, Mahogany Marble-top Tables and Wash-stands, Vienna-made Chairs, Arm Chairs, and Couches, Wardrobes, Sideboards, Chest of Drawers, Chimney Glasses, Engravings, &c., &c.

One HARMONIUM.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchasers' risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,

Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

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## SHIPPING.

## ARRIVALS.

May 5, Chen-to, Chinese gunboat, from a Canton.

May 5, William Mason, British barque, 366, G. King, Sydney March 11, Coal.

May 5, Asia, French steamer, 889, A. Patau, Saigon May 1, Rice.

May 5, Braemar Castle, British steamer, 1426, Marshall, Saigon May 1, Rice.

May 5, Belted Will, British ship, 812, Branthwaite, London Dec. 30, General-Order.

## DEPARTURES.

May 4, Chow Sze, for Bangkok.

4, Anna Dorothea, for Keelung.

5, Presto, for Whampoa.

5, Thais, for Singapore and Penang.

5, Kasu, for Bangkok.

5, Zambarca, for Amoy.

5, Marie Haydon II, for Whampoa.

## CLEARED.

Norma, for Swatow.

## PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.—Per Asia, Mr. de Bons, and 5 Chinese.

Per Braemar Castle, 2 Chinese.

DEPARTED.—Per Thales, 140 Chinese.

To DEPART.—Per Gwailor, for Singapore, Private, Tilman, 28th Regiment, Henry Berg, Major-General the Hon. Francis Colborne, G.B., Capt. Hudson, A.D.C., and native servant, Lieut. Col. Hall, R.A., and native servant, For Bombay, Lieut. Col. Wilkinson, For Melbourne, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, For Southampton, Mr. Arthur Hick, Miss C. Goodman, Mrs. Swinnoch and two children, Messrs. Chas. J. Noble, Wm. D. Sutton, G. McGregor, W. H. Taylor, Commander Claude E. Buckle, R.N., Dr. Peter Burgess, and Mrs. Lord.

## SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British barque Wm. Mason reports:

Left Sydney at noon on 11th March, experienced N.E. and N.N.E. winds and heavy sea for several days after starting. Passed between New Caledonia and Fairway Reef on March 24th. On the 30th and 31st the ship being between Solar and Santa Cruz Islands, experienced terrific squalls and heavy blinding rain, we being under close-weathered topsails and reefed courses at the time. The Barometer being 29.77, having fallen three-tenths suddenly, after this had light winds and calms to the Equator, which we crossed April 12th. On the 20th passed between Saipan and Bird Islands with moderate N.E. winds and fine weather which continued until reaching Bashee Channel on May 2nd. Across the China Sea had fresh N.E. and N.N.E. winds and fine weather. Passed Pedro Blanco at 8 p.m. yesterday, and got pilot on board at 9 p.m.

The French steamer Asia reports: N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. In latitude 20 N. and 109.40 E., passed a German barque flying L.K.P.V., bound North.

The British str. Braemar Castle reports:

N.E. winds and fine weather throughout the passage. Passed a British man-of-war barque-rigged, bound South, on morning of the 3rd inst. The Brit. ship Fontenay arrived at Saigon from Sourabaya, the morning of 1st and wished to be reported.

The British ship Belted Will reports: had 128 days' passage from London and 80 days from Amoy. Experienced light variable winds up the China Sea till arrival.

The following are the charges on Correspondence thus sent:—

Per half ounce, Hongkong U.S. Stamps, cents.

Canada, British Columbia, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward's Island, Vancouver's Island, Bahamas, Nassau, New Providence, ... 8 8

Acapulco, Bernuda, Bogota, Cartagena, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curacao, Fiji, Greenland, Jamaica, New Granada, Nicaragua, Panama, West Indies, ... 8 5

Hawaii, Newfoundland, ... 6 6

Guatemala, Mexico, Salvador, Venezuela, ... 8 10

Belize, Greytown, Guiana, Honduras, Martinique, Santa Martha, Turk's Islands, ... 8 18

Brazil, ... 8 18

Bolivia, Ecuador, Chile, Peru, ... 8 17

Argentina, Confederation, Buenos Ayres, Paraguay, Uruguay, ... 8 20

Newspapers (not over 4 oz.) 2 2

Books, &c., per 4 oz., ... 6 10

Any articles found enclosed in Newspapers or Book Packets (as silk scarves, Jewellery, &c.) will be detained.

ALFRED LISTER,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, May 1, 1876.

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## CARGO.

Per Gwailor, for London, 375 bales Raw

Silk, 4 bales Waste Silk, 9 bales Pomace,

and 458 bales Wool; for Continent, 64

bales Raw Silk.

Per Bangkok, ...

Per Rangoon/ANANTHANUR, at 4.30

p.m. on Wednesday, the 10th Inst.

## POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet GWAIIOR, will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 6th May.

The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.,

FRIDAY, May 5, —

5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night.

Saturday, May 6, —

7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters, Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted on payment of a LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage until

11 a.m., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom via Brindisi or to Singapore may be posted on board the Packet on payment of a Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage.

12.30 p.m., Posting on Board ceases.

ALFRED LISTER,

Postmaster General.

General Post Office,

Hongkong, April 24, 1876.

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## General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, May 7, —

10 a.m.—Yesso leaves for Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow.

MONDAY, May 8, —

Noon.—Singapore leaves for Cooktown, Brisbane and Sydney.

in one bore East. Steered N.N.E. ship abeam at the rate of one knot, got sounding in 8 and 7 fathoms, and let go anchor. Teomabal South point bore E.N.E. + E., Tubigan East point E.N.E. + E. Kalasain N.W. current set N.W. Soundings with the boat for about a mile to the N.E. of ship, found nothing less than 6 fathoms.

To the N.W. of Kulasain there is a small Sandbank which lies close to the point, this bank is marked on the Chart, but not in the right position.

Panduan seems to be about the same length as Kulasain (4 to 5 miles) but does not stretch so far South as marked on charts; Kulasain stretches farther South than marked.

At 1 p.m. weighed and stood out N.E. by E., slack water soundings 6 to 8 fathoms until 1 mile outside, then had 16 fathoms—North point of Teomabal and Tubigan bearing N.W. and S.E. distant 7 miles, course N.N.E. 3 miles, had no less water than from 6 to 7 fathoms; and could see no shoal water from the mast-head, current set to the N.W., the last east of the lead had 50 fathoms.

When Teomabal bore South made Long. 120.54 East, Chronometer correct.

Steered for Mindanao with Southerly wind, had regular land and sea breezes along the Coast of Negros, Panay, and Mindanao. Left Lubong 23rd, and arrived at Hongkong on the 29th April, with light N.N.E. and Easterly winds, current set S.W. Southerly 10 to 12 miles a day.

While passing through the Celebes, Sulu and Java Seas, saw and communicated with many fishing canoes, natives appeared very friendly, passed in sight of the town of Sulu.

**SUPREME COURT.**  
IN BANKRUPTCY.  
(Before Chief Justice Sir JOHN SMALE.)

May 5, 1876.

In re John Spinks Rock, a petition was filed for adjudication as a bankrupt. The liabilities were set down at from nine to ten thousand dollars, with no assets. His Lordship remarked on the absence of the petitioner's son and thought he was also liable for the debts. His Lordship would, however, adjourn the application, meantime he would read over the documents.

**IN PROBATE.**  
In re the goods of W. H. Vickerman, deceased, Mr. Sharp appeared to apply for letters of administration de bonis non on behalf of Colonel Mogeridge, the attorney for the divisors. The property was sworn under \$17,000. Granted.

In re the goods of Kum Chong, late shill to Messrs. Douglas Lapraik & Co., Mr. Breton applied for letters of administration to be granted to the widow, Kum Wong Shee. Granted, personally sworn under \$8,700.

In re the goods of F. A. Rangel, deceased, Mr. Breton applied to have, in place of Mr. Alexander's name, that of Mr. Huffman substituted as Official Administrator, the former being dead. His Lordship in granting the application suggested that Mr. Breton might petition the Government to remit the stamp duty on the second letters of administration, and authorized Mr. Breton to say, in his memorial, that if his Lordship had had the power, he would have remitted the stamp duty.

In re the goods of E. Estarico, deceased, the Official Administrator, Mr. Huffman, applied for letters of administration. Value of goods, \$323. The application was granted.

**China.**  
CHINHAIAN.

The latest excitement here, says a correspondent, writing on the 26th inst., is of the disappearance of Captain Roach, of the "lorcha *Poyang*," who has been missing two days. It is supposed that he must have fallen into the river, whilst going on board. All search for him, up to the time of writing this, has been unavailing.—On the night of the 25th instant, a foreign hong was broken into, the thieves carrying off, as stated, about a chest of opium, together with \$250 in specie, but leaving behind them a bank order for Tls. 1,300, which was in the same box. Their mode of operation was to first break through the outer wall of the house, and then to open the front door, through which the plunder was carried off. The most curious part of the robbery was, that the thieves had to pass through a room in which two men were sleeping. These say the thieves must have had a "piece of burning sandalwood" in some narcotic, which stupefied them, and so prevented them hearing any noise." Following out the adage about "shutting the stable door when the steed is stolen," everyone now is on the *qui-vive*, and has ordered his watchman to keep a good look-out against a return of the experts.—The natives here have an idea that the wall now being built round the new Consulate grounds, and which takes in a good portion of the hill on which the building stands, is intended for a fort; and rumour adds that the Chinese authorities are going to enter a protest against the continuation of the work.—A native dealer, who had purchased goods here, and had got about 100 miles north of this on his return journey, was unable to proceed further, owing to want of water in the creeks. Some thieves, seeing his predicament, made a raid upon the boat, and lightened it of two bales of piece goods, possibly in the hope that the trader would be able, through his boat drawing less water, to proceed to his destination.

Messrs. Spencer and Wolf, writing on the 26th instant, say:—The business in Grey Goods during the week under review has been very trivial, being confined almost entirely to the supply of local requirements. Stocks on the spot are small, and similar "vices" reach us from the country, so a demand may spring up at any moment.

According to notification No. 17 of the *Monbusho*, a certain number of students will be sent to foreign countries to continue their studies. A competitive examination of candidates below twenty-three years of age, of sound bodily health and good character, will be held at the *Tokio Kaisei Gakko* during five weeks.

A riot is reported from the Awamori-ken.

About fifteen hundred farmers armed with bows and sickles assembled in the villages of Tago and the neighborhood on the 12th inst. The police attempted to disperse them and a *fasces* took place, in the course of which two or three persons on both sides were injured. The riot, which originated in dissatisfaction with the land tax, was easily suppressed, and the ringleaders have been arrested.

The absurd and oppressive regulation which compels native passengers in foreign vessels to obtain passes from the *Konko-kei* before embarking in foreign vessels, under sundry pains and penalties, is already commencing to bear fruit. According to the *Minato shinbun*, twenty-two Japanese, who arrived in Kobe in the *Neidai* from Nagasaki on the 18th instant, were taken to the police-station, for having violated the regulation forbidding natives to embark on board foreign ships without passes. In defence they stated that they were in ignorance of the regulation." The native journal adds that it is not likely that they

will be released without incurring some penalty.

The *Akebono shinbun* contains the following story which, for the credit of all foreigners in Japan we hope to be, if not altogether unfounded at least grossly exaggerated. Should it, however, unfortunately turn out to be true we trust that the offender will be brought to a strict account:—"On the evening of the 11th instant, a certain foreigner, was passing Tsunagai, Tokio, in a *jirishishi*, another *jirishishi* in which were two Japanese women, happened to pass him. He got very angry, and knocked down the *jirishishi* which had passed him. The *jirishishi* was upset and the two women, one of whom is said to be a wife of a *Kawazaki*, were thrown out. The foreigner, having struck him with his stick got into his *jirishishi* and went away at full speed, but was arrested by a policeman. He is said to be an employe of the *Monbusho*."

At Meyanachi, as we are informed by one of a party of gentlemen who lately returned from a holiday trip, there is quite a large school, which is conducted in the European style, and where the children are taught arithmetic according to the western principles, using Roman figures. Our informant arrived at Meyanachi, which is a small village about 30 miles from Yokohama, on Sunday afternoon and put up at a tea house on the roadside. Here they were visited by the schoolmaster, an intelligent looking Japanese, who invited them to inspect his school, which was on the opposite side of the road. On entering the school, all the children, to the number of about seventy, rose and saluted the guests. Forms and desks were arranged after the fashion of our own schools, and on the wall was the inevitable blackboard. One or two of the schoolbooks were shown to the visitors. In the front page of one of them was the following motto, printed both in the English and native language:—

If there's one thing that helps to make a great and glorious nation  
It is to give the little ones  
A thorough education.

#### SHANGHAI GOSSIP.

A very elaborate pavilion is in course of erection in the Public Garden. It appears to be of somewhat Moorish design, and is shaped like a minaret. It is a great improvement, however, upon the old sun-mahone in every respect, and when finished will be quite an ornamental object.

The nakedness of the rockery is being gradually hidden by vegetation which, of natural rapid growth, will soon cover it decently; and the gold-fish are making very well.

On the morning of the 22nd the French gunboat *Surprise* passed up without stopping, with Comte de Rochedouart on board. The *Surprise* returned yesterday from Honkow, but only remained a short time, when she continued her voyage to Shanghai.

I have been trying to find out if the natives had any report of troubles in Kwang- and Hupen, but they know nothing about them. The French Bishop has gone to Peiping, and the American Mission has opened a chapel in Szechuan, where the row was, without any further trouble. The Rev. Mr. Hall and family have left for home on account of bad health. The H. W. Missionary Society are building a house in the city, and a large school for girls; the present school is too small, and from observing the "march past" on Sundays of the girls with clean and rosy faces, I should say Misses Howe and Hoad's management was very successful. A Chinese lorchia left here a few days ago, with a cargo of coal from the new coal mines above Wusuh, which are being worked by a Chinese official. Mr. Morris is "prospecting" for new fields."

Messrs. Russell & Co. have finished their new hong, which standing in its own park-like grounds adds new beauty to the bunc. I must not fail to mention that the Club has removed from the back street to the bunc. Visitors will at once recognise him by the Gothic porch that adorns the front. The health of the community is good, owing no doubt to cricket and snipe shooting. The snipe however are not so fat as they were last year, when a crack shot bagged a lot weighing eight ounces, and several over that weight.—*Shanghai Courier Correspondent*.

#### Japan. (Gazette.)

It is said that the foreign paper manufactory at Oji, Tokio, belonging to the Mitsu bank, is to be bought by the Government.

The Roman Catholic Religion is said to be spreading in Sendai, Miyagi-ken, where the number of professors of that faith exceed five hundred.

During last month, 1,800 houses were broken into by robbers in Tokio, 289 of whom were arrested.

The money stole by them amounted to 1,900 yen.

Mr. Tanaka, Vice President of the *Monbusho*, and his wife, and Mr. Hatakeyama, Director of the *Kaisai Gakko*, are among the passengers by the *Colorado* to San Francisco.

A Buddhist temple, covering an area of 324 *teku*, is to be built, at an estimated cost of yen 260,000, on the site of the late temple at Shiba, Sannai, which was recently burnt down.

Complaints are still made of the popularity in Osaka of the game of billiards among the natives, who play in houses owned, really by Japanese, but ostensibly by foreigners. On the 14th instant ten persons who had been playing the seductive game were arrested and taken to the police station.

According to notification No. 17 of the *Monbusho*, a certain number of students will be sent to foreign countries to continue their studies. A competitive examination of candidates below twenty-three years of age, of sound bodily health and good character, will be held at the *Tokio Kaisei Gakko* during five weeks.

A riot is reported from the Awamori-ken. About fifteen hundred farmers armed with bows and sickles assembled in the villages of Tago and the neighborhood on the 12th inst. The police attempted to disperse them and a *fasces* took place, in the course of which two or three persons on both sides were injured. The riot, which originated in dissatisfaction with the land tax, was easily suppressed, and the ringleaders have been arrested.

The absurd and oppressive regulation which compels native passengers in foreign vessels to obtain passes from the *Konko-kei* before embarking in foreign vessels, under sundry pains and penalties, is already commencing to bear fruit. According to the *Minato shinbun*, twenty-two Japanese, who arrived in Kobe in the *Neidai* from Nagasaki on the 18th instant, were taken to the police-station, for having violated the regulation forbidding natives to embark on board foreign ships without passes. In defence they stated that they were in ignorance of the regulation." The native journal adds that it is not likely that they

#### THE ISLAND OF SAGHALIEN.

(From the *Choya shinbun*.)

Our northern region is one of the most important places of the Empire. The name of "key of the north gate" has been given to it. Various disputes about the boundary in Sakhalin have often broken out between us and Russia. In the reign of the Tokugawa Government, missions were sent to decide the question of boundary. The Russians, however, contrived to become masters of the whole Island of Sakhalin, and were never anxious to decide the question of boundary. Meanwhile, owing to internal troubles, the Government could not finish their negotiations with Russia, and the invaders advanced. In the time of the revolution, our Government established the *Kaitakusho* (Agricultural Department) in Yedo, which island was divided into eleven provinces each containing eight counties, with Sapporo the capital, where was established the principal office of the *Kaitakusho*, which had also branch offices in the Island of Sakhalin. This was done in order to interrupt the advance of the Russians, but in vain. Our people in the island were often embarrassed by them, and at length it became probable that a contest would break out between the two nations. So, our Government exchanged Sakhalin for the Kurile Islands to avoid trouble. This important event has been discussed by many patriots. In pursuit of the policy initiated by Peter the Great, the Russians have long desired to extend their dominion in other countries, under the pretence of preaching the Greek religion. Many missionaries of high standing among the Russians have entered our northern territory, where they preach to our foolish and superstitious countrymen, who believe in these Russian propagandists. If our Government delays any longer to oppose the advance of Russia, frightful trouble will break out in our northern provinces.

Two or three years ago the *Kaitakusho* ordered a large number of merchants in O-u to remove to Sapporo and advanced them money for their expenses. But now they have departed. Last year a certain number of *shauku* settled there under the promise of support by the Government for three years. But we fear that at the end of this period the settlements will be unable to afford them the means of existence.—*Japan Gazette*.

#### THE NEW SCRIPTURES ACCORDING TO TYNDALL AND OTHERS.

1. Primarily, the Unknown moved upon cosmic and evolved protoplasm.

2. And protoplasm was inorganic and undifferentiated, containing all things in potential energy, and a spirit of evolution moved upon the fluid mass.

3. And the Unknown said, Let atoms attract; and their contact begat light, heat, and electricity.

4. And the Unconditioned differentiated the atoms each after its kind; and their combinations begat rock, air, and water.

5. And there went out a spirit of evolution from the Unconditioned, and working in protoplasm, by accretion and absorption, produced the organic cell.

6. And cell, by nutrition, evolved primordial germ, and germ developed protogene, and protogene begat eozoon, and eozoon begat monad, and monad begat animalcule.

7. And animalcule begat ephemera; then began creeping things to multiply on the face of the earth.

8. And earthy atom in vegetable protoplasm begat the molecule, and thence came all grass, and every herb in the earth.

9. And animalcule in the water evolved fins, tails, claws and scales; and in the air, wings and beaks; and on the land they sprouted such organs as were necessary, as played upon by the environment.

10. And by accretion and absorption came the radicle and molluscs; and molluscs begat articulate, and articulate begat vertebrata.

11. Now these are the generations of the higher vertebrates, in the cosmic period that the Unknown evolved the biped mammalia.

12. And every man of the earth while he was yet a monkey, and the horse while he was a hippo, and the hippo before he was an orcon.

13. Out of the ascidian came the amphibia, and begat the pentadactyle, and the pentadactyle by inheritance and selection produced the hylote, from which are the simians in all their tribes.

14. And out of the simians the lemurs prevailed above his fellows, and produced the platypine monkey.

15. And the platypine begat the catarrhine, and the catarrhine monkey begat the anthropoid monkey, and the ape begat longimanaus ourang, and the ourang begat the chimpanzee, and the chimpanzee evolved the what-is-it.

16. And the what-is-it went into the land of Nod, and took him a wife of the longimanaus gibbons.

17. And in process of the cosmic period were born unto them and their children the anthropomorphic primordial types.

18. The hominid, the prothomus, the troglodyte, the australopithecus, the terragen—these are the generations of primal man.

19. And primal man was naked and not ashamed, but lived in quatinuous innocence, and struggled mightily to harmonise with the environment.

20. And by inheritance and natural selection did he progress from the stable and homogeneous to the complex and heterogeneous; for the weakest died, and the strongest grew and multiplied.

21. And man grew a thumb, for that he had need of it, and developed capacities for prey.

22. For behold the swiftest man caught the most animals, and the swiftest animals got away from the most men; wherefore the slow animals were eaten, and the slow men starved to death.

23. And as types were differentiated, the weaker types continually disappeared.

24. And the earth was filled with violence; for man strove with man, and tribe with tribe, whereby they killed off the weak and foolish and secured the survival of the fittest.

#### COMMERCIAL.

Hongkong, May 5, 1876.

Throughout the closing fortnight, a weak tone has prevailed in the market for Bengal Opium. As usual at this season of the year, the call for investments in the drug has been of a "restituted" nature, whilst the high cost of it gave no incentive to the native dealers to operate beyond extracting dividends from the connecting towns. New Patah being less enquired for, the holders of the drug showed no reluctance to work off the supply on hand, in view of lesser cost drug soon arriving; and this tended

to a gradual decline of the rate for it. The rate for Old has ruled steady. The present quotations are \$612<sup>12</sup> for New, and \$610 for Old.

For Old Benares the demand has been slack still, for local requirements; but the call from the Coast ports has been to a fair extent. The drug stands to-day at \$552.

As yet there has been no importation for the month, whilst the receipts to the corresponding date last year were 3,061 chests.

During the fortnight some 350 chests have been taken by the local consumers, against 400 chests at the corresponding fortnight last year. This, with the exportations, leave a stock computed at 900 chests, against 2,900 chests same time last year. Of this latter quantity 800 chests were Benares, of which kind the present stock consists of 200 chests. As there have been no imports to date hence the great disparity in the stocks.

**Small samples are looked for in the course of a week or ten days, and silk should commence arriving about a fortnight hence.**

**Underneath are figures of comparative Exports for past three Seasons:—**

EXPORT FOR SEASON,

